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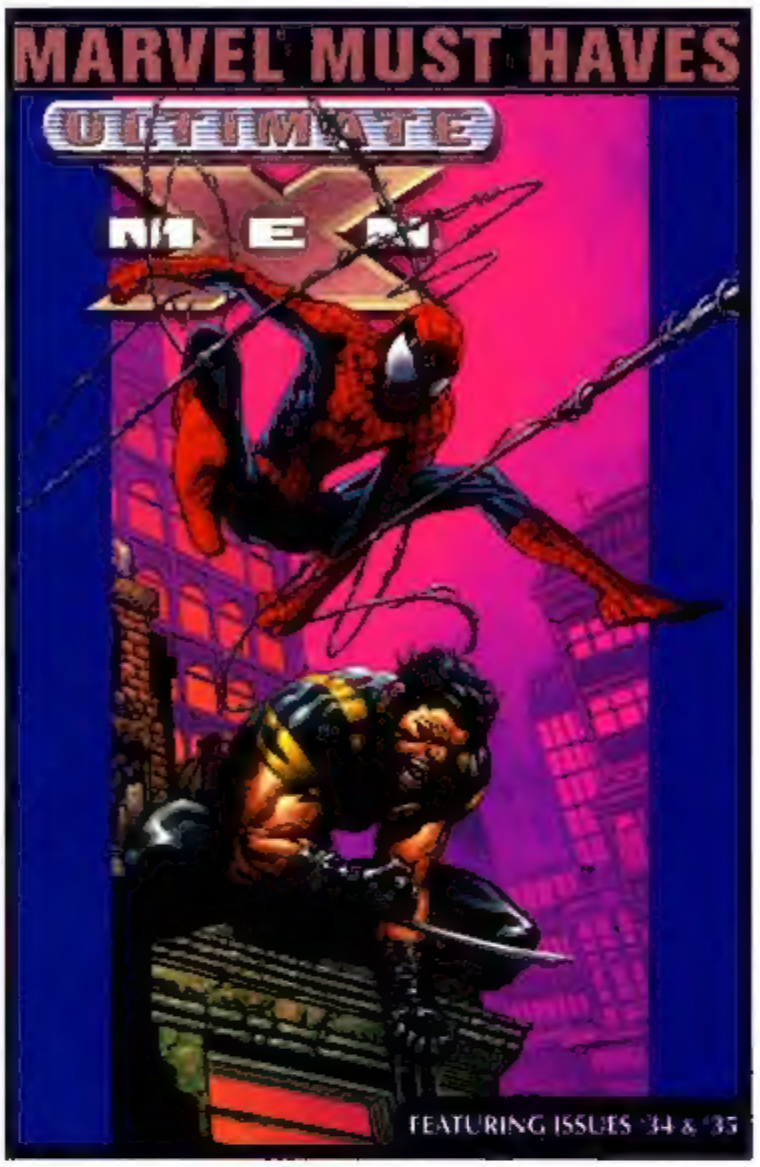

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MARVEL KNIGHTS - WHAT IS 04/MK/04??

4 #1 & 2

Written by ROBERTO AGUIRRE-SACASA
Covers & pencils by STEVE McNIVEN

Comics' first family face their most personal and unpredictable crisis yet in this debut of their new edgy MARVEL KNIGHTS ongoing series. Writer Roberto Aguirre-Sacasa and rising-superstar artist Steve McNiven pit the Fantastic Four against a challenge the likes of which they've never faced, and to overcome it they'll need to call on the same humor, determination and family bonds that have delivered them from danger time and time again.

This is the FF... the 4... like you've never seen them before!

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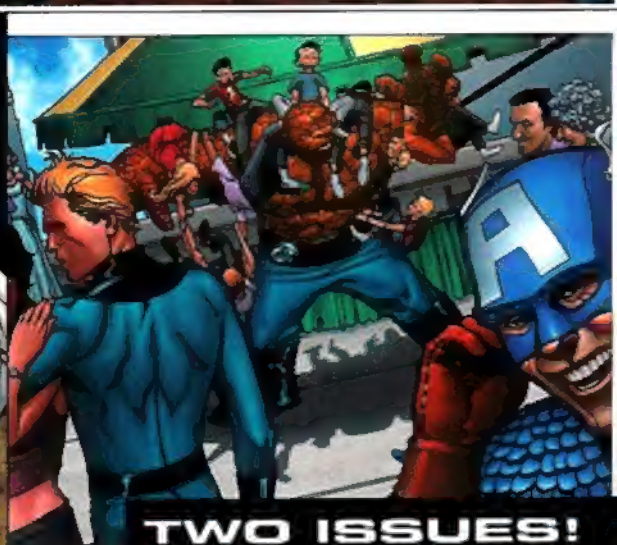

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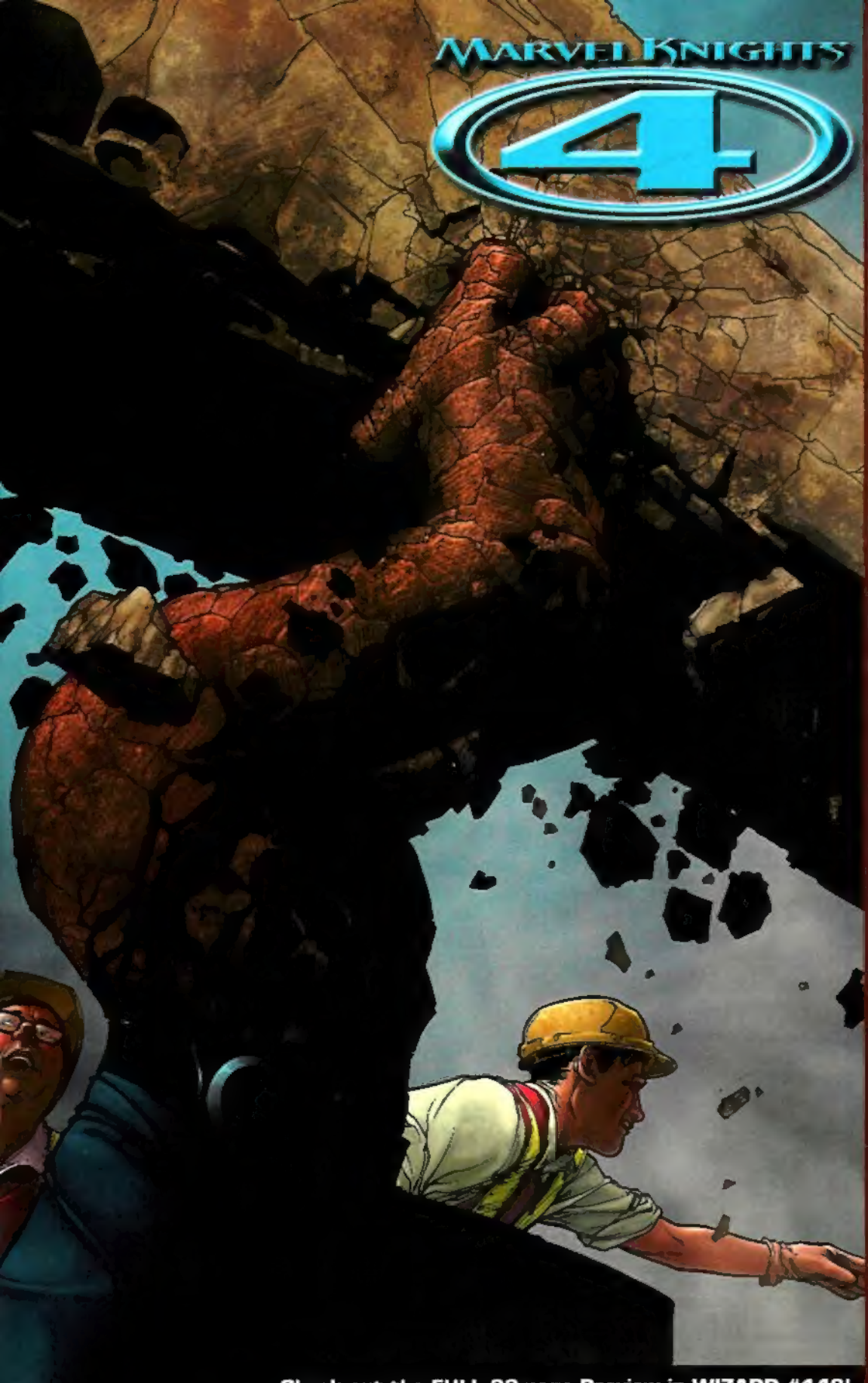

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WAID & 'RINGO ARE "BACK"!

FANTASTIC FOUR #510
Written by MARK WAID
Cover & pencils by MIKE WIERINGO
"HEREAFTER" pt. 2 (of 3)
Having embarked on the ultimate journey, Reed Richards and the rest of the FANTASTIC THREE must contend with the defenses of the afterlife – and storm the gates of Heaven itself!
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ULTIMATE FANTASTIC FOUR #3

Written by BRIAN MICHAEL BENDIS & MARK MILLAR
Pencils by ADAM KUBERT
Cover by BRYAN HITCH

Reed Richards' revolutionary scientific experiment has gone terribly wrong, and he, Sue & Johnny Storm, Ben Grimm and another rival schoolmate are changed forever, along with the entire world!
So where does the misanthropic "Mole-Man" fit into all this?

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SECRET WAR: BOOK ONE (of FIVE)

Written by BRIAN MICHAEL BENDIS

Painted art & cardstock foil cover by GABRIELE DELL'OTTO

The most popular and acclaimed writer in comics reveals the darkest chapter in MARVEL UNIVERSE history in this quarterly limited series MEGA-EVENT!

When Nick Fury finds a disturbing connection between many of Marvel's deadliest villains, he puts together a ragtag team of the MU's most misunderstood heroes for a secret mission to do what the U.S. government could never allow, eventually leading to a super-powered blowout between a 'Who's Who' of NYC heroes and mutants!

Featuring the American debut of the stunning, fully painted work of Italian artist Gabrielle Dell'otto. 48 pages (w/ads) include special material detailing the events leading up to the war, who the major players are and what is the SECRET in this SECRET WAR?

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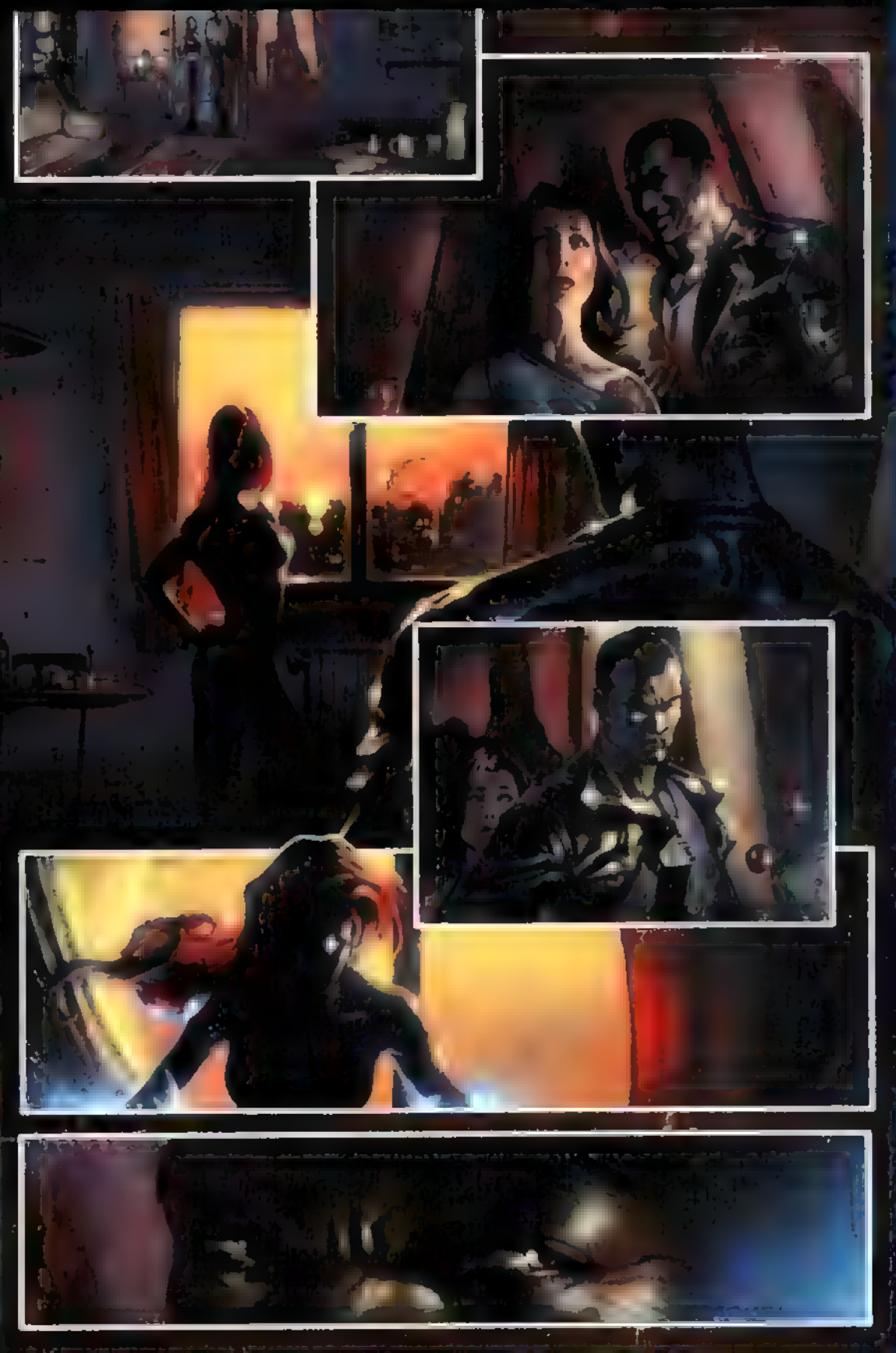
SECRET WAR stars Wolverine, Spider-Man, Daredevil, Captain America, Black Widow, Luke Cage and many, many more!



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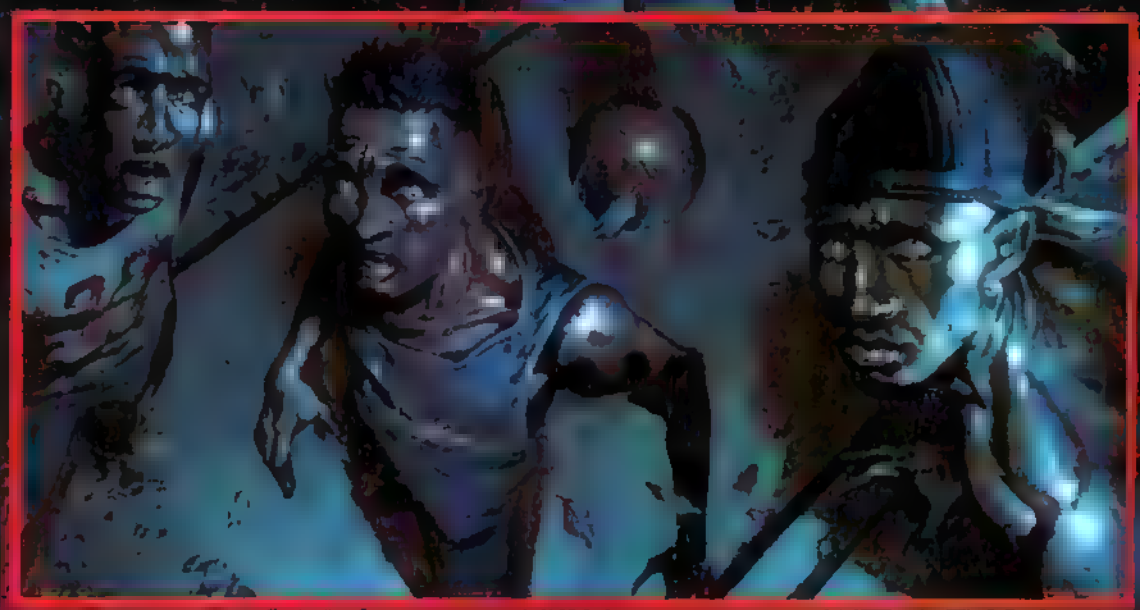

BY THE EISNER & WIZARD AWARD-WINNING WRITER of ULTIMATE SPIDER-MAN, ULTIMATE X-MEN, ULTIMATE FANTASTIC FOUR & ULTIMATE SIX!

BRIAN BENDIS MONTH!

ULTIMATE SIX #7 (of 7 LS)
Written by BRIAN MICHAEL BENDIS
Pencils by TREVOR HAIRSINE
Cover by JOHN CASSADAY
The Green Goblin is one of the last "men" standing after the terrible battle between the Ultimates and the Ultimate Six on the White House lawn. And there is only one being in the world that can stop him and it isn't Spider-Man!!
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ULTIMATE SPIDER-MAN #53

Written by BRIAN MICHAEL BENDIS
Cover & pencils by MARK BAGLEY

"CLAWS" Concludes!

The fight over an ancient stone tablet with unimaginable power concludes. Whose hands will it wind up in? The Kingpin? His hired assassin Elektra? Mysterious cat burglar the Black Cat? Or Your Friendly Neighborhood Spider-Man!

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THE PULSE # 1
Written by BRIAN MICHAEL BENDIS
Pencils by MARK BAGLEY
Cover by MIKE MAYHEW
In the tradition of MARVELS and from the creative team behind ULTIMATE SPIDER-MAN!
The Daily Bugle has never been a friend of the super heroes of NYC, but with profits down and the newspaper's survival on the line, J. JONAH JAMESON turns the heat up a notch! Meet the Bugle's new team of super hero investigative journalists – Jessica Jones, Kat Farrell & Ben Urich – as they dig up the dirt on the city's most famous heroes. . . NO MATTER THE COST or WHO GETS HURT!
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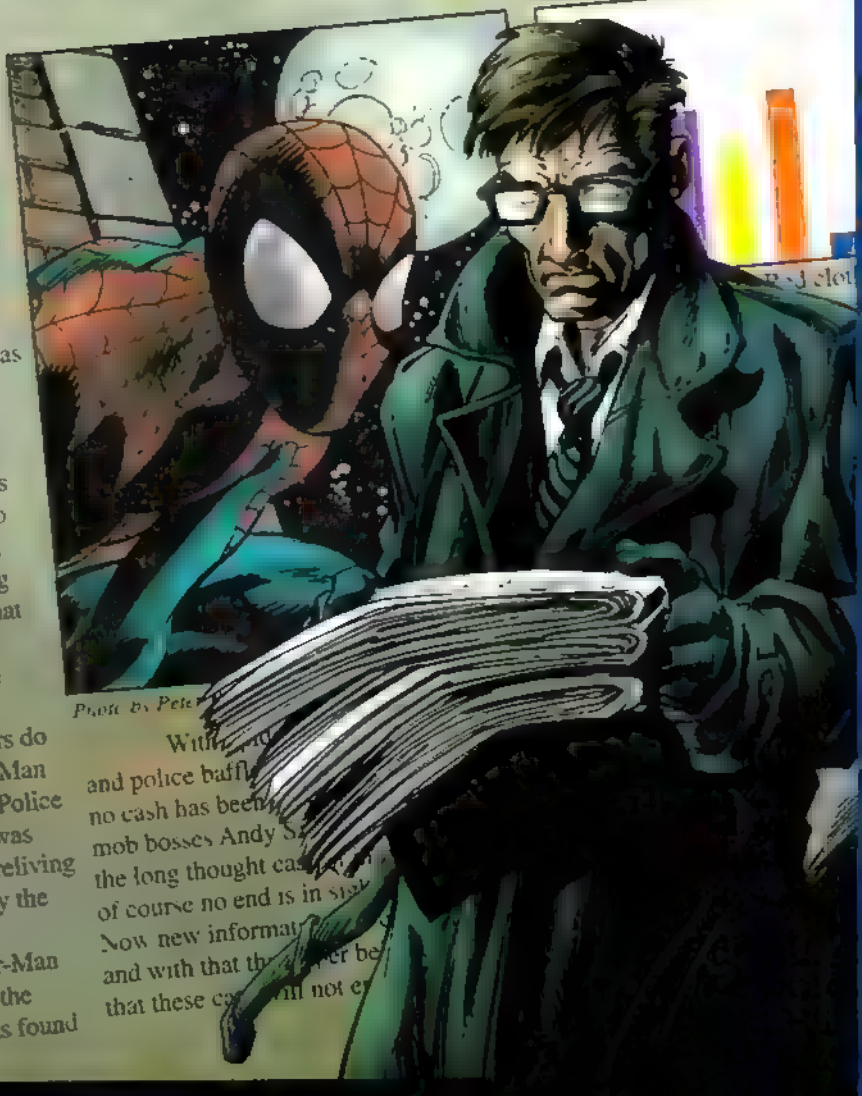
DAILY BUGLE

SPIDER-MAN: MURDERER?

By Bugle reporter Kat Farrell



Spider-Man is once ain a suspect in a murder se. Yesterday during a olice investigation possibly one wrong the vigilante nown only as Spider-Man ecame involved. It is elieved that during an ndercover investigation Detective Zagari's cover was blown. A few blocks from the incident the suspect known now as Smith was found with serious injuries and was brought directly to the emergency room. Smith woke briefly before dying due to injuries. During that short period he claimed that Spider-Man was the one who injured him.

Police investigators do not believe that Spider-Man was at the scene at all. Police claim that the suspect was hallucinating and just reliving past events. Apparently the suspect Smith had been apprehended by Spider-Man in the past. In both of the past crimes Smith was found

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ART FROM THE PULSE #1

APPEARANCES BY SPIDER-MAN & LUKE CAGE!
BRIAN BENDIS MONTH

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MORE NEW MUTANTS DEBUT!

ULTIMATE X-MEN #42
Written by BRIAN MICHAEL BENDIS
Cover & pencils by DAVID FINCH
"NEW MUTANTS" pt. 3
Introducing ULTIMATE DAZZLER. But is she friend or foe?
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BRIAN BENDIS MONTH!

MARVEL MAX

THIS STORY ARC GUEST STARS SPIDER-MAN, MR. FANTASTIC, DR. STRANGE & LUKE CAGE!

DAREDEVIL #57
Written by BRIAN MICHAEL BENDIS
Cover & pencils ALEX MALEEV
Now entrenched as the Kingpin of Hell's Kitchen, DD faces new dangers from foes who want his new-found power for themselves. Even a Man Without Fear can't defeat an army of 100 men trying to kill him, can he?
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COMING SOON: CAP's CAREER CHANGES FOREVER!

CAPTAIN AMERICA #23: "HOMELAND" pt. 3

Written by ROBERT MORALES
Pencils by CHRIS BACHALO
Cover by DAVE JOHNSON

Serving as a judge for a military tribunal in Guantanamo Bay, Cap quickly uncovers a terrorist conspiracy that threatens to topple the stability of the Western world.

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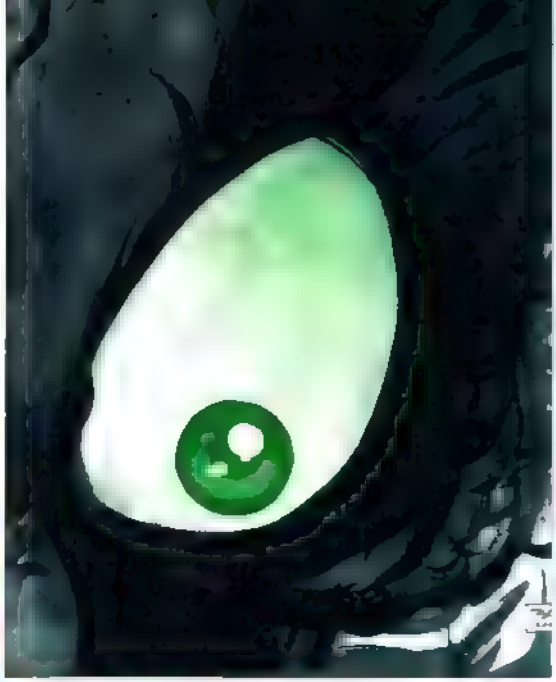

HULK: GRAY #6 (of 6 LS)

Written by JEPH LOEB
Cardstock cover & art by TIM SALE

The final chapter of this Hulk-Smash best-selling limited series! Can the Hulk escape the army and still keep the love of Betty Banner?

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ELEKTRA #33

Written by ROBERT RODI
Pencils by STEVEN CUMMINGS
Cover by TOM FLEMING

"FEVER" pt. 2 (of 3)

Elektra's next assignment was supposed to be a walk on the beach – literally... taking out a Russian mobster in Brighton Beach. But something has shaken Elektra up turning this easy hit into a life and death struggle.

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1602 #7 (of 8 LS)
Written by NEIL GAIMAN
Pencils by ANDY KUBERT
Cardstock cover by SCOTT McKOWEN
Secrets are revealed and coffins are closed as two of our 17th-century Marvel heroes lose their lives in the penultimate chapter to this major best-selling limited series event!
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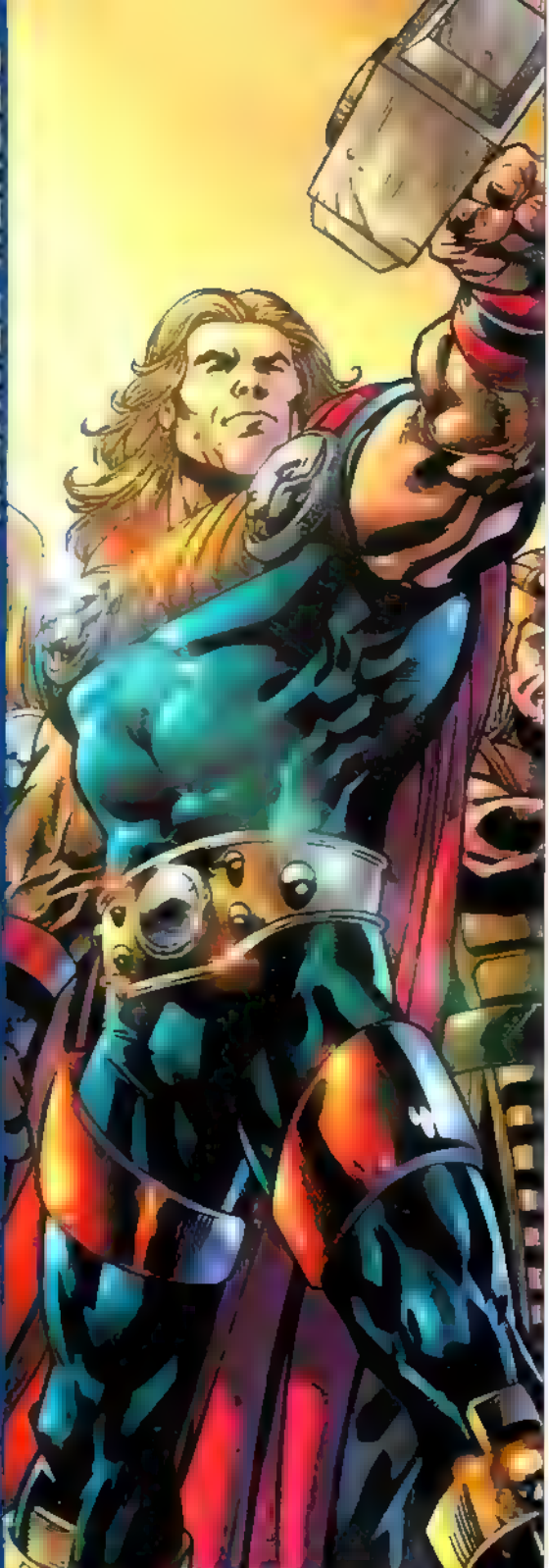

THOR #74

Written by DAN JURGENS
Cover & pencils by SCOT EATON

"THE REIGNING" Concludes!

The hammer falls as Thor moves to permanently crush the growing resistance to his absolute rule over Earth.

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HAWKEYE #5

Written by FABIAN NICIEZA
Pencils by STEFANO RAFFAELE
Cover by CARLOS PACHECO

"THE HIGH, HARD SHAFT" pt. 5 (of 6)

A temple in Laos protected by 100 Archers. A thirty-year-old secret uncovered. A multi-billion dollar payday revealed. The fate of modern civilization as we know it depends on Clint Barton. Pray for us.

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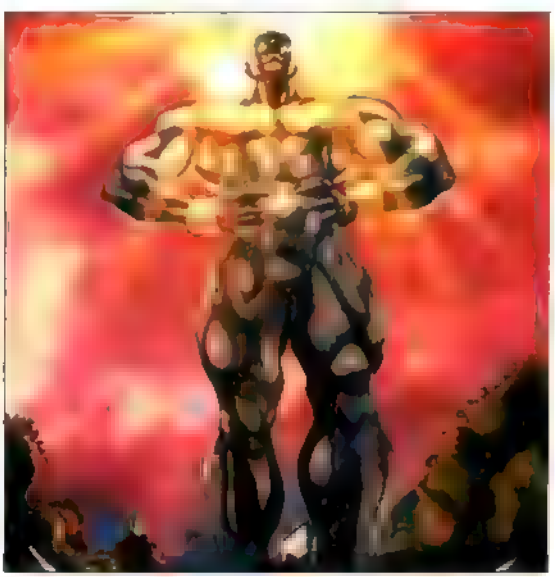

CAPTAIN MARVEL #20

Written by PETER DAVID
Pencils by AARON LOPRESTI
Cover by CHRISCROSS

"ODYSSEY" pt. 2

In trying to head off the horrible fate awaiting Mar-Vell, Marv begins an odyssey into the future, where he immediately discovers he is the only being in the universe capable of saving the Earth from a conquering power-hungry alliance of the Kree, Skrull and Shi'ar.

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AVENGERS #79

Written by CHUCK AUSTEN
Pencils by OLIVIER COIPEL
Cover by LEE WEEKS

"LIONHEART OF AVALON" pt. 3 (of 5)

In the wake of a tragedy involving their showdown with the Wrecking Crew, tempers fray and an Avenger considers crossing a line heroes should never cross – and pays the price!

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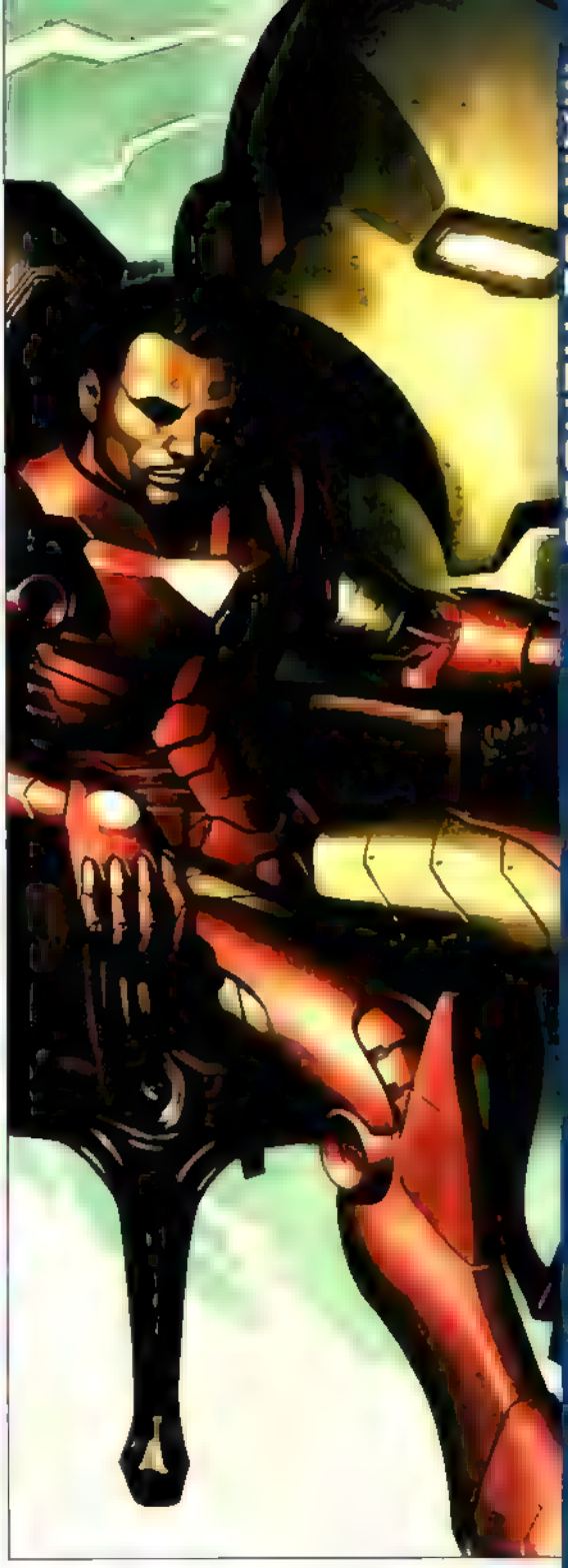

IRON MAN #77

Written by JOHN JACKSON MILLER
Pencils by JORGE LUCAS
Cover by ADI GRANOV

"THE BEST DEFENSE" pt. 5 (of 6)

His life laid bare before Congress.
His arsenal stripped clean by the Pentagon.
Tony Stark believes he's facing his darkest hour.
He's wrong. His – and the nation's – is about to arrive!

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THANOS #6
Written, pencils & cover by JIM STARLIN

The planet-shaking conclusion of the Thanos/Galactus/Hunger conflict!

If the Titan goes down, he's going down fighting!

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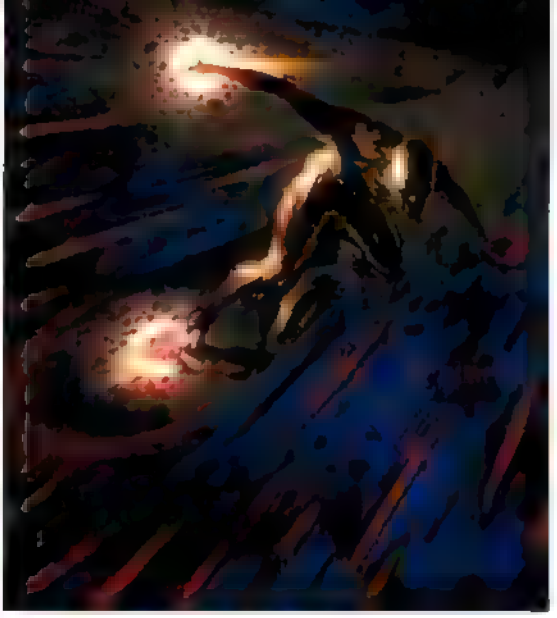

SILVER SURFER #6
Written by STACY WEISS & DAN CHARITON

Pencils by LAN MEDINA

Cover by PAOLO RIVERA

"COMMUNION" Concludes!

The Surfer seeks wisdom beyond the boundaries of space and time, and makes a decision that will transform Denise Waters' life.

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HULK: NIGHTMERICA #6 (of 6 LS)
Written by ROBIN LAWS

Painted cover & art by BRIAN ASHMORE

Revelations abound as the terrible genetic secrets of the Nightmerica experiments are finally revealed! And you won't believe the pivotal role the RAMPAGING HULK plays in the finale!

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INCREDIBLE HULK #67
Written by BRUCE JONES
Pencils by DOUG BRAITHWAITE
Cover by MIKE DEODATO Jr.
There's something big and weird and downright nasty out there in the desert and Doc Samson and "Mr. Blue" have just stumbled into it. Their only hope just might be Banner and his monstrous alter ego.
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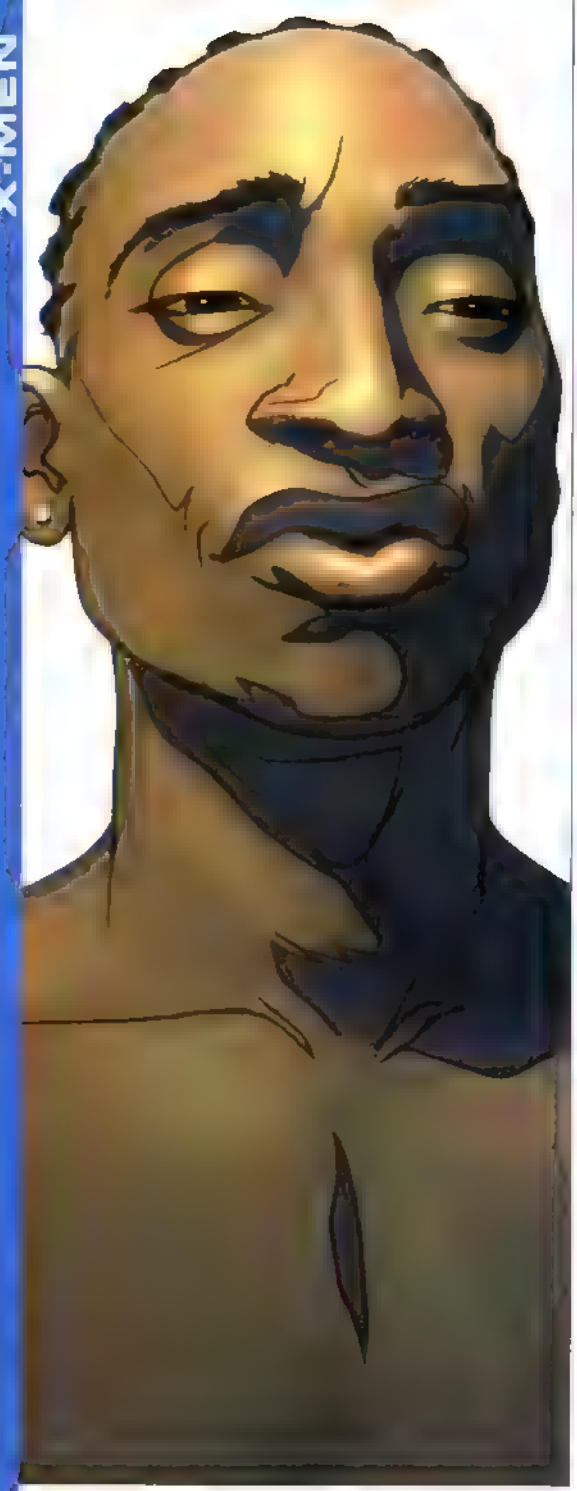

NYX #5

Written by JOE QUESADA
Cover & pencils by JOSHUA MIDDLETON

What if you could become anyone in the world for a day? What would you do? Who would you be? Captain America fighting alongside the Avengers? Bono during a concert in Wembley Stadium? Or how about just a hot cheerleader in the locker room after practice? Meet a young mutant who doesn't have to wonder. His powers let him be anyone he wants, and he isn't shy about using them.

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EMMA FROST #8

Written by KARL BOLLERS
Pencils by CARLO PAGULAYAN
Cover by GREG HORN

"HELLFIRE" pt. 2 (of 6)

Separated from her family for the first time in her life, young Emma finds life on her own growing increasingly more difficult – not to mention dangerous. Emma's new romance is anything but tender as her boyfriend leads them into a precarious situation and she must rely on her burgeoning mental powers to help them escape.

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NEW X-MEN #153: "HERE COMES TOMORROW" pt. 3 (of 4)
Written by GRANT MORRISON
Cover & pencils MARC SILVESTRI
Continuing the BIGGEST comics event of 2004! Xavier's dream stays alive as the X-Men of tomorrow make final preparations for a final showdown with ... the BEAST!?
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*** Look for the 22-page preview of NEW X-MEN #151 in this month's WIZARD #147!**

EXILES #42
Written, pencilled & cover by
JIM CALAFIORE
"A NOCTURNE'S TALE" pt. 2 (of 2)
Nocturne's special origin story concludes as we learn more secrets about Nightcrawler's alternate-reality daughter and her life with the X-Men!
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EXILES #43
Written by CHUCK AUSTEN
Pencils by JAMES CALAFIORE
Cover by MIZUKI SAKAKIBARA
"BLINK IN TIME" pt. 1 (of 3)
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UNCANNY X-MEN #439 & 440
Written by CHUCK AUSTEN
Cover & pencils by SALVADOR LARROCA
"SHE LIES WITH ANGELS" pts. 3 & 4 (of 5)
The X-Men find themselves caught between an ages-old family feud, with two young lovers - one human and one mutant - trapped on either side.
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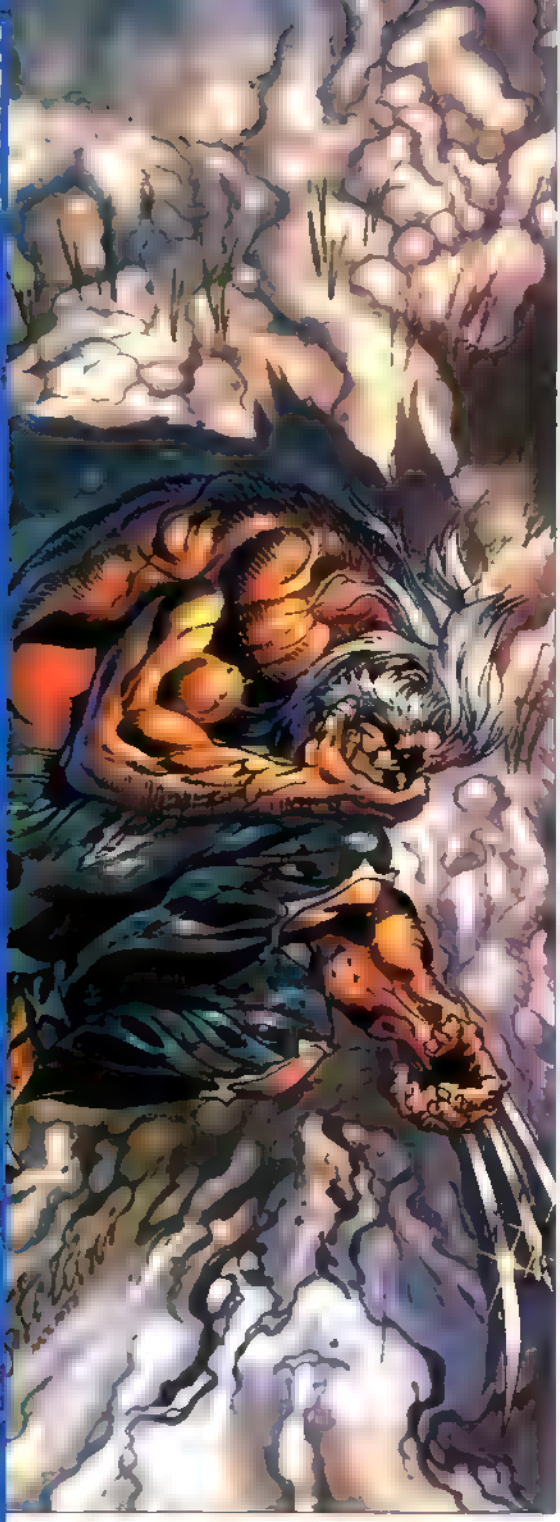

WOLVERINE: THE END #3 (of 6 LS)

Written by PAUL JENKINS
Cover & pencils by CLAUDIO CASTELLINI

In the heart of Japan, Logan uncovers the secrets behind the legend of Kitsunebi the White Ghost and its sinister connection to his own past.

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WOLVERINE/CAPTAIN AMERICA #1-4 (of 4 LS)

Written by R.A. JONES
Covers & pencils by TOM DERENICK

It's a Marvel team-up for the ages in this 4-issue weekly limited series event! When a highly coveted piece of alien Sh'Ar technology en route from the X-Men's headquarters to Avengers Mansion gets intercepted by a rogue group of ex-S.H.I.E.L.D. super-agents, both teams send their best chance to get it back into the field! Can these two VERY different heroes work together for a common cause?

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WOLVERINE #11
Written by GREG RUCKA
Cover & pencils by LEANDRO FERNANDEZ
'COYOTE CROSSING' Conc uces!
Logan has gone south of the border n search of the mysterious drug lord responsible for the death of 19 men, women and children who died in the back of an 18-wheeler. But now that Logan has discovered Rojas true identity, dare he exact bloody retribution?
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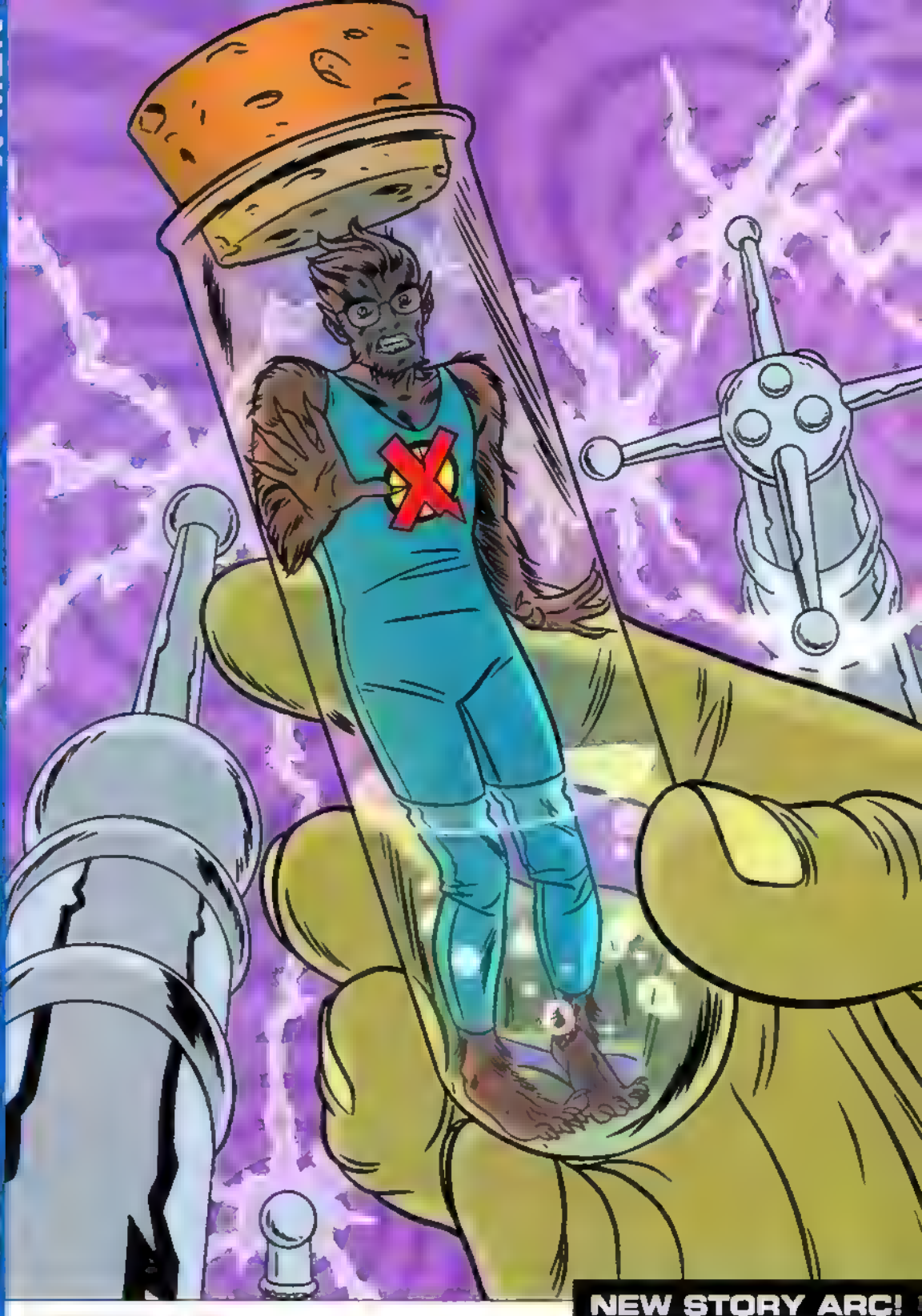

X-STATIX #19
Written by PETER MILLIGAN
Cover & pencils by MIKE ALLRED
"THE CURE" pt. 1 (of 2)
One of Professor X's assistants just might have discovered the cure for Myles Alfred – a/k/a M. sector's condition. No, not THAT condition – the OTHER one.
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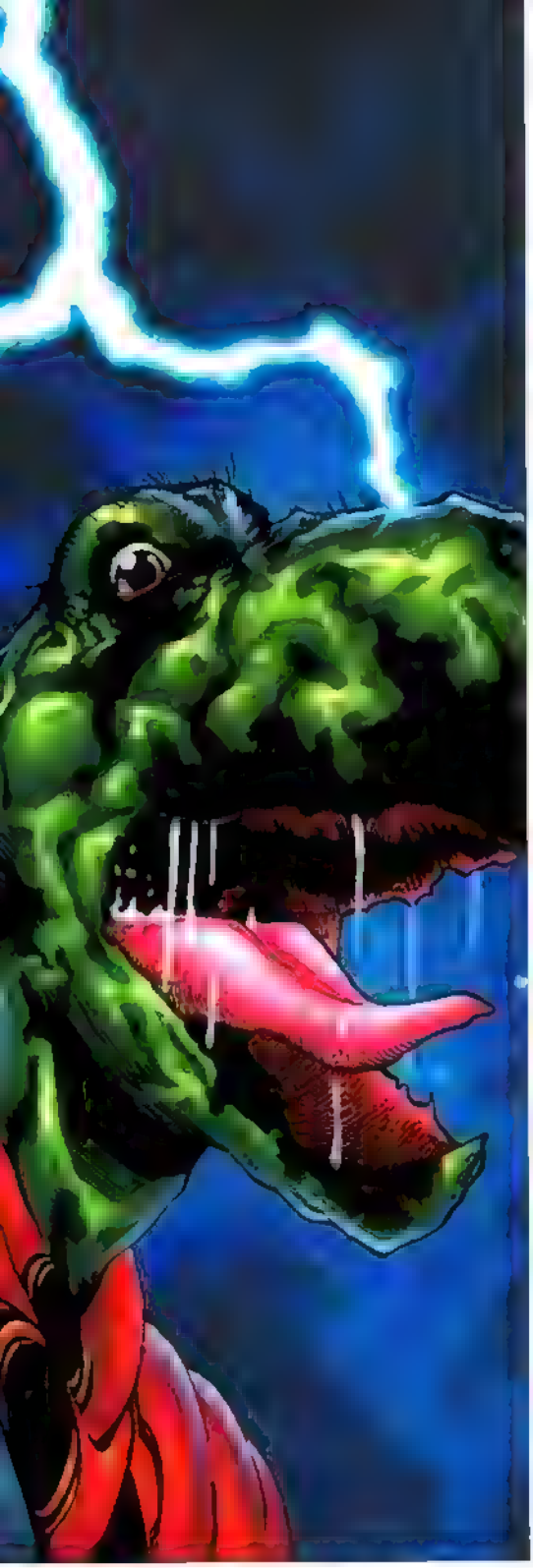

WEAPON X #20

Written by FRANK TIERI
Pencils by JEFF JOHNSON
Cover by GEORGES JEANTY

Agent Zero makes his final stand against the former Weapon X agent known as Maverick. Plus, Chamber and Wolverine take one step closer to discovering the horrifying truth about Neverland!

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X-TREME X-MEN #42 & 43

Written by CHRIS CLAREMONT
Pencils by IGOR KORDEY
Covers by SALVADOR LARROCA

"BOGAN" pt. 3 & 4 (of 5)

The X-Men take one step closer to discovering the true identity of the mysterious telepath haunting their lives. Plus, Bogan's strange connection to X-Corp and the Hellfire Club is revealed.

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X-MEN UNLIMITED # 1

Written by TONY LEE, J.T. KRUL
Pencils by RAY LAI, TOM MANDRAKE
Cover by PAT LEE

A new bimonthly ongoing series showcasing short stories featuring a vast array of characters from comics largest and most popular family of titles
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AMAZING SPIDER-MAN #504

Written by FIONA AVERY (with J. Michael Straczynski)
Cover & pencils by JOHN ROMITA JR.

"CHASING A DARK SHADOW" pt. 2 (of 2)

In the aftermath of the inter-dimensional rift caused by Spider-Man & Doctor Strange's battle with Dormammu, a sorceress of limitless power is set free from years of captivity... and sets forth on a quest through Manhattan to properly thank the one responsible for it: Spider-Man. And if that weren't bad enough, guess who's on her tail? *LOKI*

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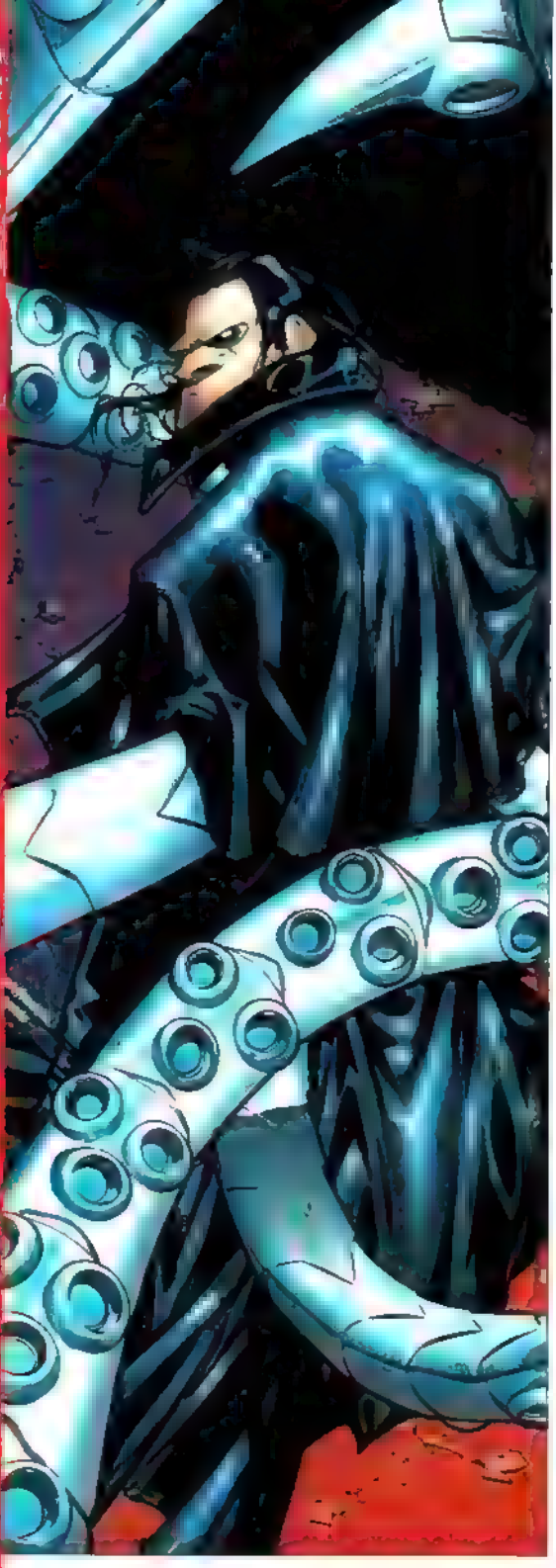

SPECTACULAR SPIDER-MAN #10

Written by PAUL JENKINS
Cover & pencils by HUMBERTO RAMOS

"COUNTDOWN" Concludes!
Spidey & Doc Ock face off in a titanic, action-packed throwdown! But will the wall-crawler be forced to disclose his true identity in order to preserve world peace?

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SPIDER-MAN/ DOCTOR OCTOPUS: OUT OF REACH #4 (of 5 LS)

Written by COLIN MITCHELL
Cover by KERON GRANT
Pencils by DEREC AUCOIN

The battle between Spider-Man & Doctor Octopus heats up! But will Spider-Man be able to save the young inventor Brigham Fontaine or will Spidey and Doc Ock need saving from HIM?

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SPIDER-MAN & DOCTOR OCTOPUS: NEGATIVE EXPOSURE #5 (of 5 LS)

Written by Brian K. Vaughan
Pencils by Staz Johnson
Cover by Tony Harris

Preparing for his most vicious confrontation with Spider-Man ever, Doc Ock unleashes a torrent of destruction and mayhem on the unsuspecting citizens of Manhattan! Has cameraman Jeff Haight gone too far in his quest for the perfect shot?

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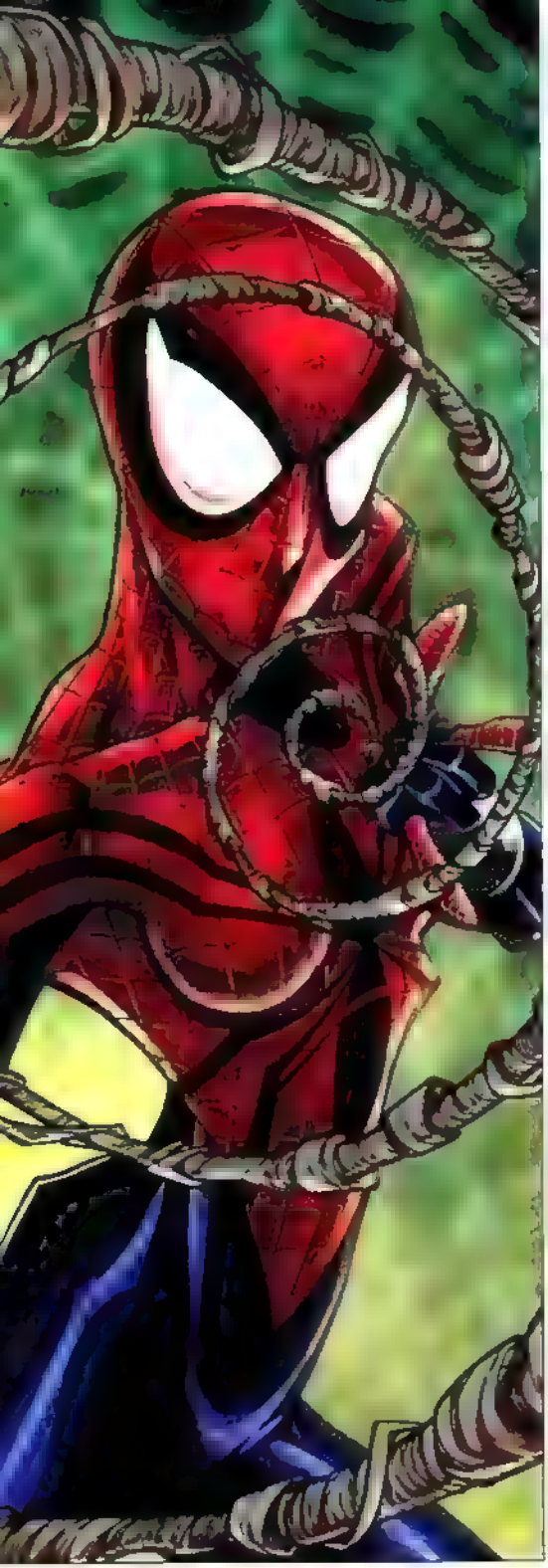

SPIDER-GIRL #70

Written by TOM DEFALCO
Cover & pencils by RON FRENZ

"TRUTH" pt. 2 (of 2)

As the Buzz takes on the Man-Wolf and Spider-Girl finds herself pitted against Dr. Jade and the new Dr. Octopus, she gets an assist from the most unexpected source! Featuring cameos by Darkdevil, the Green Goblin & Ladyhawk.

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"AWAKENING" pt. 3 (of 3)

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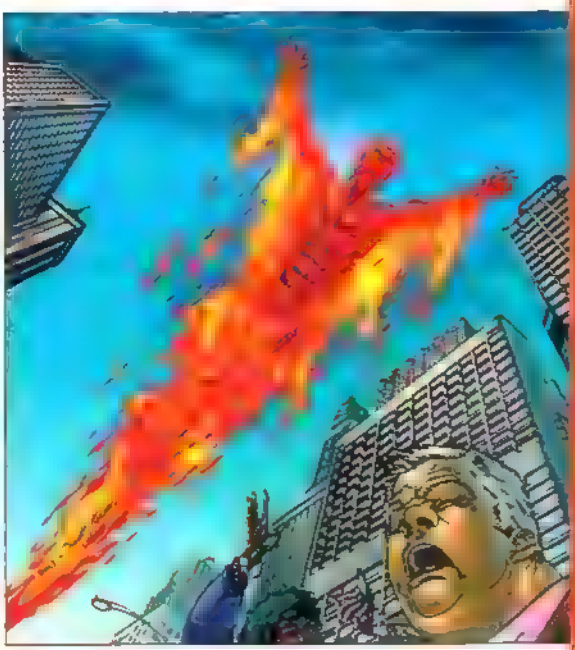

HUMAN TORCH #10

Written by KARL KESEL
Pencils by SKOTTIE YOUNG
Cover by SCOTT KOLINS

"A PLAGUE OF LOCUSTS" Concludes

As the final secrets of the radical Locust Project are revealed, Johnny must save hundreds of innocent lives... AND find a way to undo the changes caused by the insidious project!

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VENOM #11

Written by DANIEL WAY
Pencils by FRANCISCO HERRERA
Cover by MIKE DEODATO Jr.

"PATTERNS" pt. 1 (of 3)

Certain questions have arisen since Venom's mysterious appearance at the Radar Station in Northern Canada. Like, how did he get there? Where's Eddie Brock? And, what turned this one-time "Lethal Protector" into a blood thirsty homicidal maniac? The answers to these questions will be revealed with the help of a few guest stars.

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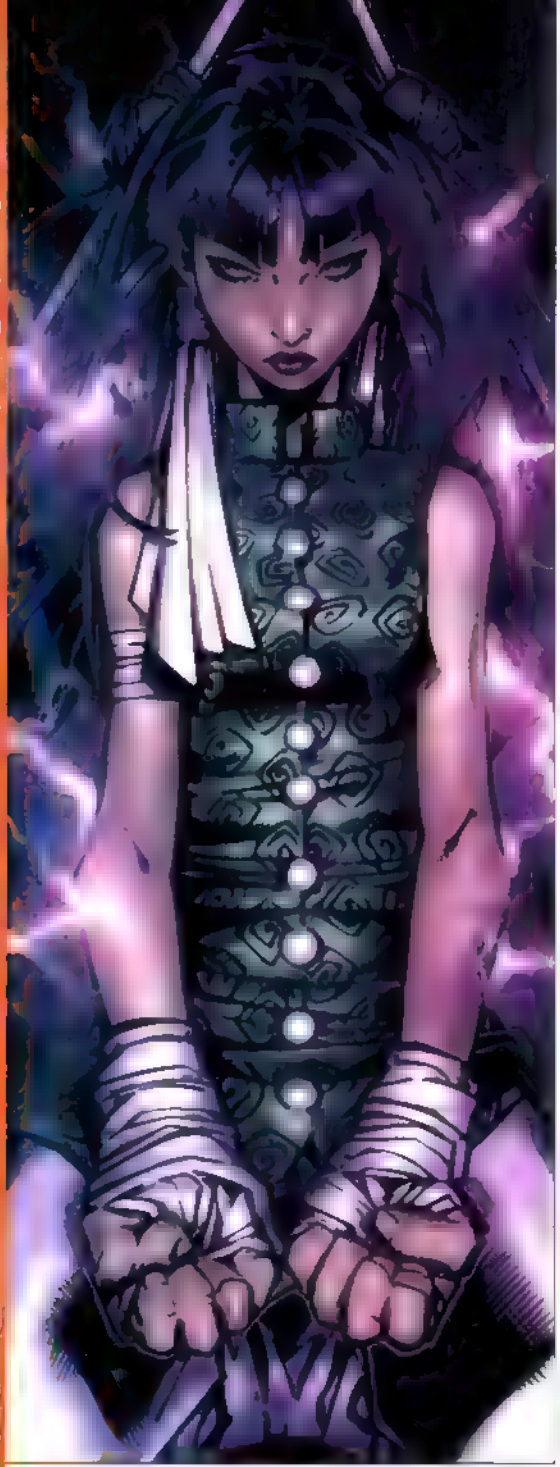

NEW MUTANTS #11

Written by CHRISTINA WEIR & NUNZIO DEFILIPPIS
Pencils by CARLO BARBERI
Cover by CHRIS BACHALO

"THE TIES THAT BIND" pt. 5 (of 6)

The mansion and its new young residents get a shake-up when a member of the original New Mutants team comes home. But Rahne Sinclair – aka WOLFSBANE – is not the sweet little girl she used to be. As Scott can the Xavier Institute help a mutant girl who has been living homeless on the streets of Salem Center?

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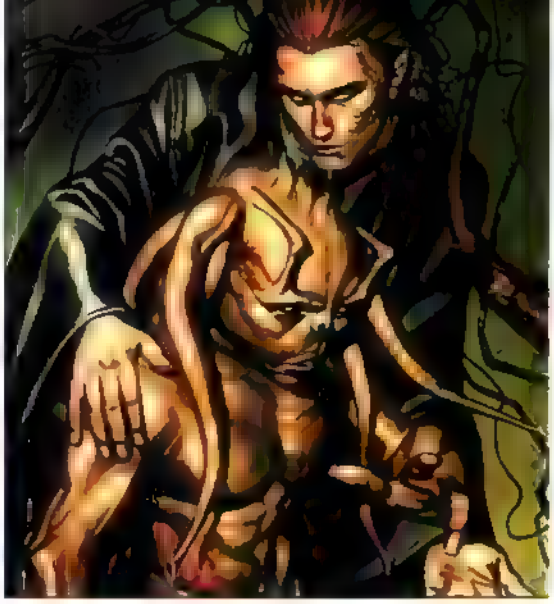

INHUMANS #11

Written by SEAN MCKEEVER
Pencils by DAVE ROSS
Cover by ADI GRANOV

"NO MATTER THE COST" pt. 3 (of 4)

It's a race against time as the Inhumans attempt to save one of their own. But when they learn the truth about why their fellow Inhuman is in peril, will it make them reconsider their mission?

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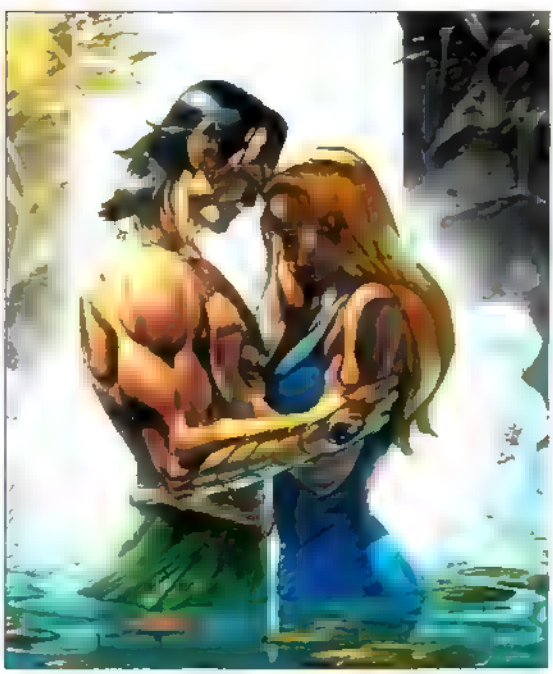

NAMOR #12

Written by ANDI WATSON & BILL JEMAS
Pencils by JOE BENNETT
Cover by LEE WEEKS

SERIES FINALE

Is this the end of Atlantis? Will Namor lose his lady love Sandy as well as his rightful place as heir to the throne?

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RUNAWAYS #11 & 12

Written by BRIAN K. VAUGHAN
Pencils by TAKESHI MIYAZAWA
Covers by JOSHUA MIDDLETON

"LOST & FOUND" pts. 1 & 2 (of 2)

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MYSTIQUE # 11
Written by BRIAN K. VAUGHAN
Pencils by MANUEL GARCIA
Cover by MIKE MAYHEW
"MAKER'S MARK" pt. 1 (of 2)
Mystique's a shape-shifting super-spy that can change literally change her skin. Forge is the mutant inventor who's gotten under her skin. Learn more about their past and present relationship as and find out how the Maker left his mark!
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THE PUNISHER #3
Written by GARTH ENNIS
Pencils by LEWIS LAROSA
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Written by J. MICHAEL STRACZYNSKI

Cover & pencils by GARY FRANK

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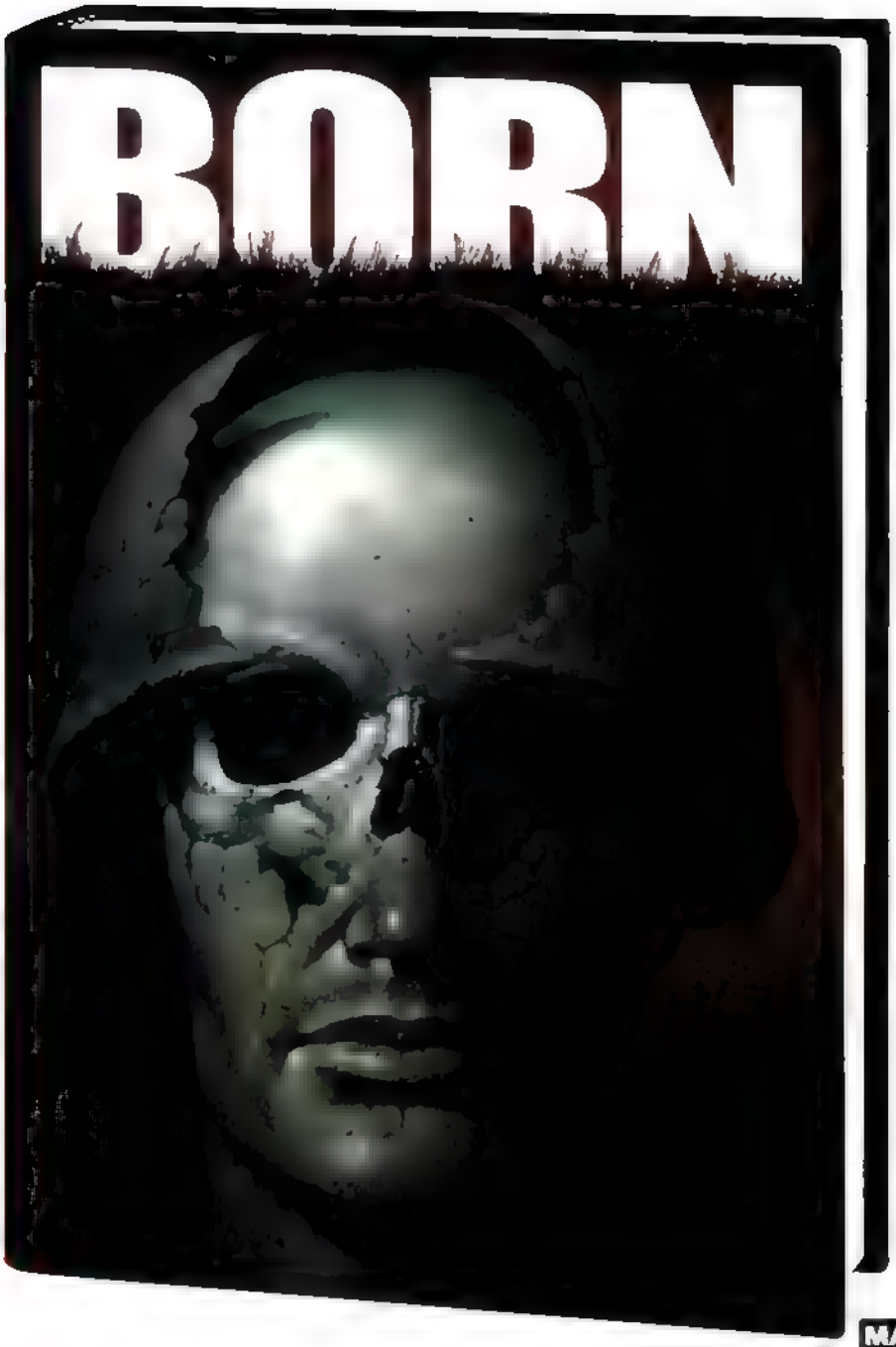

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PUNISHER VOL. 6: CONFEDERACY OF DUNCES TPB

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Pencils by JOHN McCREA
Cover by TIM BRADSTREET

The most deadly man in the Marvel Universe – The Punisher – might finally meet his match as Daredevil, Spider-Man and Wolverine join forces to finally bring Frank Castle's killing spree to an end. Can the Punisher stay one step ahead of this powerhouse trio of heroes? And how does the Incredible Hulk figure into all of this? It's the Marvel movie you'll never get to see in theaters written by the outrageous – and outrageously talented – Garth Ennis!

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The X-Men thought he was dead. But the team's greatest adversary MAGNETO was simply in hiding, waiting in secret deep cover to make a move against the team that has thwarted his ambitions again and again. But WHERE he was hiding will shatter the lives of everyone at Xavier's Mansion, if they ever survive his latest attack.

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STORM takes center stage in this special solo story taking her on a journey of self-discovery. Ororo Munroe the weather-wielding mutant goddess, ventures into a faraway realm and makes startling discoveries about herself when she's forced to endure brutal combat in a fight-or-die gladiatorial ring.

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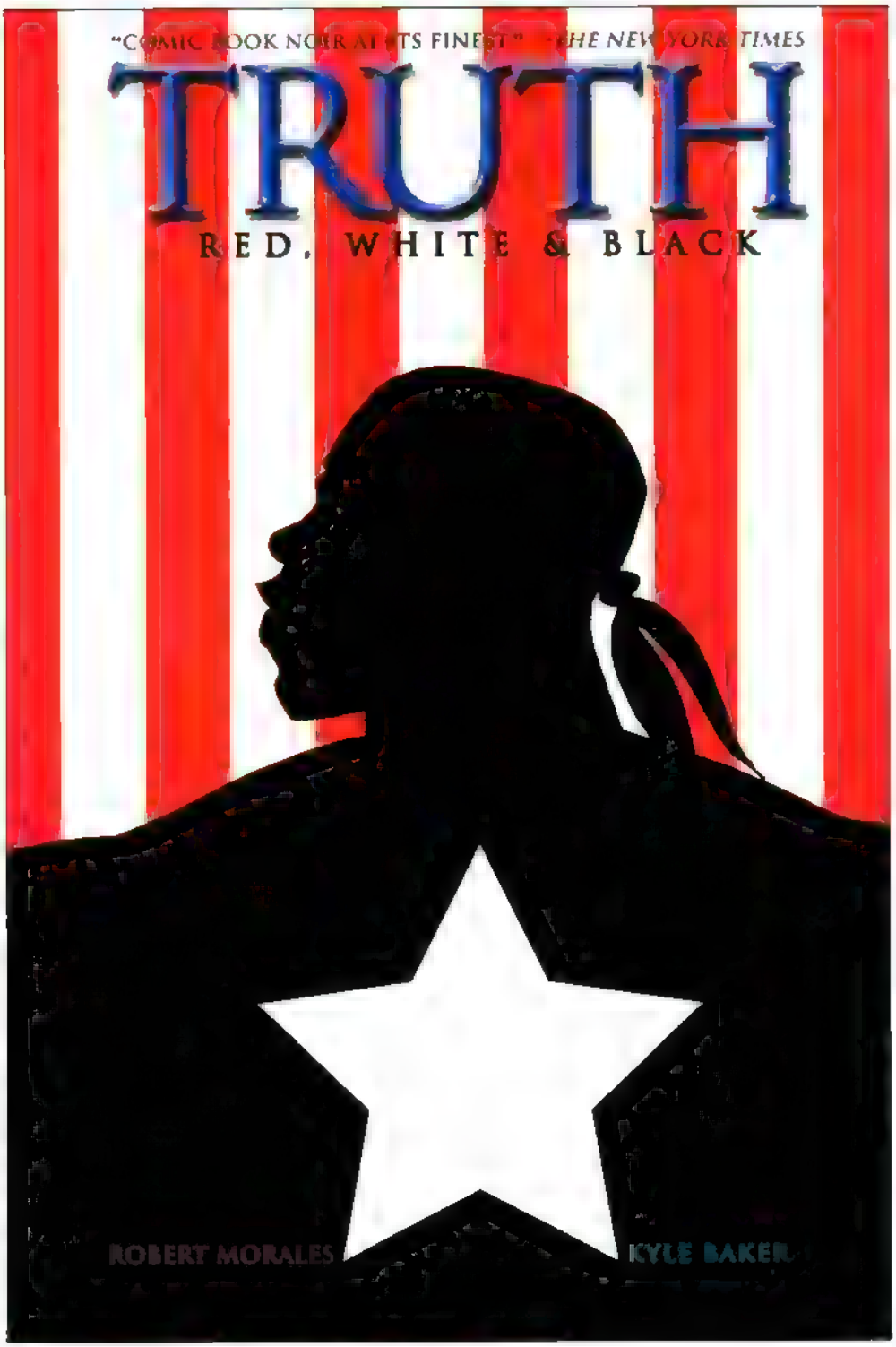

TRUTH: RED, WHITE & BLACK TPB

Written by ROBERT MORALES
Cover & pencils by KYLE BAKER

The origin of one of Marvel's greatest heroes is re-examined and a new chapter in his secret history is revealed. All comics fans know Steve Rogers as Captain America – believed to be the one and only man given the Super Soldier Serum during World War II. But was he REALLY the ONLY man injected with the serum? Learn the startling TRUTH about a small unit of black soldiers who served as test subjects while the serum was perfected – and the story of the one African-American man who paved the way for the Captain America we all know today!

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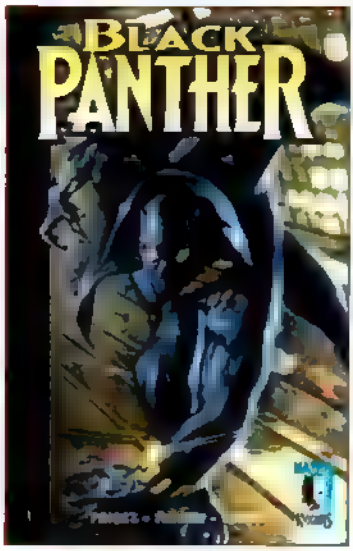

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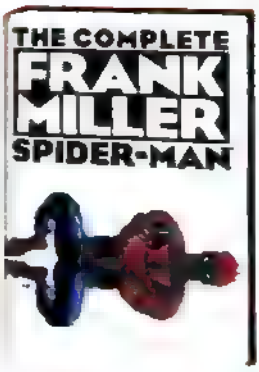

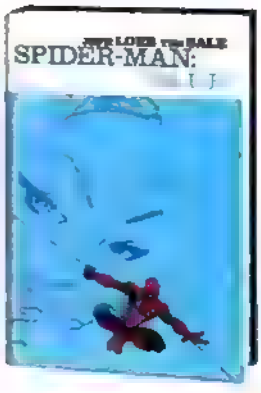

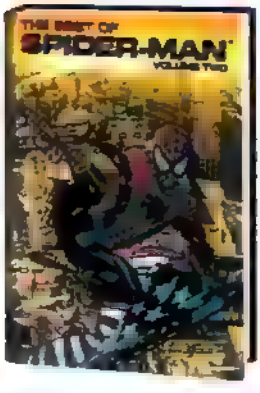

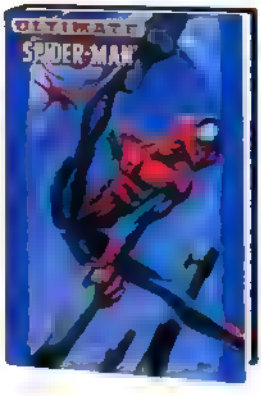

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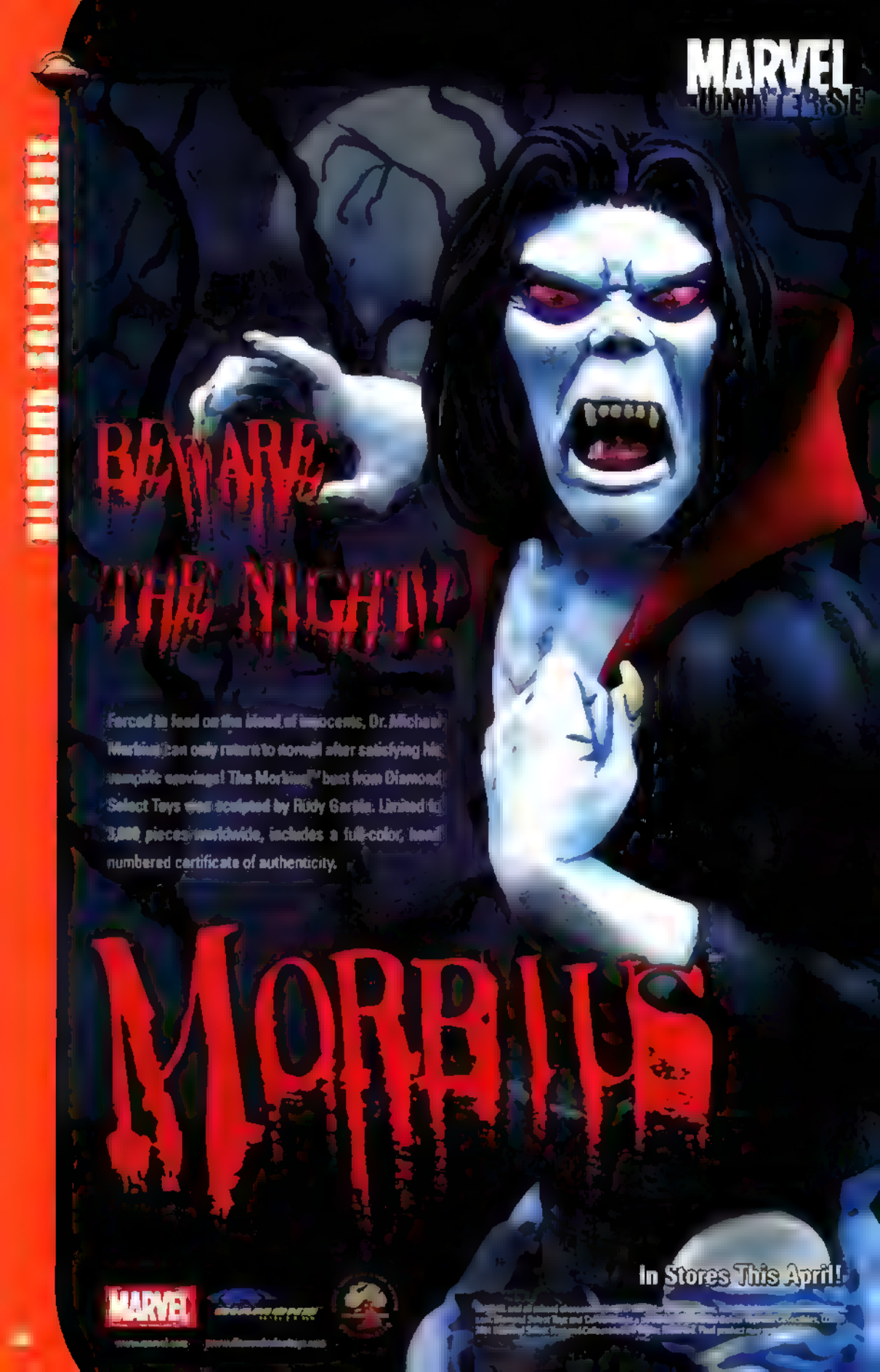
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The Minoru Residence
Los Angeles, California
10:55 P.M.

WHERE IS MY CHILD?!

Settle down, Frank.

You're going to--

My daughter is missing!

URN!

Destroy one more thing in our fair, Mr. Dean...

...and we will teleport you back to that godforsaken planetoid you come from.

ENOUGH!

We're all adults here.

Let's start acting like it.

What the hell *happened*, Wilder? I leave town for one meeting, and now my wife says that Karolina knows about her *powers*... knows she's not from this *world!*

Well, at least *you* already knew about *your* daughter's abilities. We didn't learn that our Molly had inherited a *mutant gene* until this nightmare began!

Slow down, Dr. Hayes. Let's start at the beginning...

As most of you already know, two nights ago, our offspring ran away from home after they somehow witnessed the *Rite of Blood.*

They... they saw us in our *uniforms?* They know about *The Pride?*

They are *aware* of our organization, but there is still much they don't understand.

Are you *nuts*, Wilder? Your boy stole a copy of the Abstract. Once they read it, they'll know *everything.* Our past! Our plans for the Next Wave!

Don't blame *our* family, Yorkes. If Leslie here hadn't let the children take her *decoder ring*, the Abstract would be useless to them.

Don't you *dare* try to pin this on *me*, you two-bit Kingpin-wannabe. I'll rip your tongue out of your throat and--

Be still, women. It will take *months* to decipher the sacred texts, even for a prodigy like Alex.

And in the unlikely event he *does* interpret it completely, where would he take the information? There's not a police precinct or media outlet on *Earth* where The Pride doesn't have operatives lying in wait

How do you think we convinced everyone in California that *Alex* murdered the young woman *we* sacrificed?

You... you framed your own *son?*

Desperate times, Mr. Dean. For added measure, Alex has also been implicated in the "kidnapping" of the Hayes' girl.

And to broaden our dragnet even further, we implicated Nico Minoru and Gertrude Yorkes in these crimes as well.

But what about my child? Who's looking for *her?*

We didn't want civilians to be able to connect all six of our families, so we opted not to involve your daughter or the Steins' son in this conspiracy.

We'll wait to create cover stories for their disappearances until enough news cycles have passed

But how much time do we *have?* Chase took the Fist gons from our workshop. He's in possession of the most powerful gauntlets ever invented!

That's nothing, Stein. My Gertrude is running around with a bloody *velociraptor* genetically engineered to obey her every command

What about *Nico?* My baby has the Staff of One now, the... the very mystic instrument that made the Dread Dormammu tremble!

You don't seriously think they'll use those weapons *against* us, do you? I mean, we're their *parents.*

Don't be *naive* Frank. Our children watched us slay an innocent girl in a damn *occult ceremony.* They've already *attacked* some of us.

To them, we're probably no different than the ridiculous "super villains" they see on the evening news.

But we *are* different! We're... we're *heroes!* We've dedicated our *lives* to making this world a better place for those kids!

Well, at least *one* of our brood believes you, dear.

I found an unsigned note that one of them left behind... says they understood why The Pride did what it did, says they'll always be *loyal* to us.

Maybe that's true, but we can't just sit around and wait for whoever this *mole* is to contact us. It's imperative that we use all of our resources to *find those kids.*

Agreed.

There is nothing more dangerous than the wide-eyed idealism of *youth.* Frightened and confused as they may be

...I have no doubt that our children are plotting to *overthrow* us even as we speak.

"The Hostel"
Bronson Canyon,
California 11:01 P.M.

BWA HAHA!

I put a hat on Old Face

That is freaking hilarious!

Molly, get off of Gert's dinosaur!

You're gonna hurt yourself!

And stop using the word "freaking" so much. It's freaking me out.

Arsenic says I can use any words I want to now, Alex. She says I don't have to do anything my *Mom and Dad* told me to do ever again.

First of all, her name is *Gertrude*, not "Arsenic". And secondly

Gertrude is my *slave name*, Alex.

You can keep calling yourself whatever your evil parents named you, but the rest of us are *starting over*.

Right, Bruiser?

Right, Arsenic.

Aren't codenames supposed to be *cooler* than your actual names?

Hey, do I really not have to finish fifth grade?

Nope, school's out forever, kid.

That is *awesome!*

Lucy in the Sky and Talkback, reporting for duty, sir.

I'm in hell

My parents already killed me, and I'm in hell ..

How's the code-breaking going, brother?

Slowly but surely.

I translated some of the first chapter, but I think it's mostly historical stuff. Whoever wrote this thing keeps talking about these weird six-toed giants called *Gibborim*.

Yeah, I'm pretty sure I've heard that word before, but I'd need a good search engine to confirm it.

Guess we're S.O.L. without D.S.L.

How about you, Chase? You and Karolina hide our wheels somewhere?

Yep, in *plain sight*.

I stole the plates off a Honda Civic and switched them with the ones on my van. It'll be months before that dude notices he's got the wrong license on his car.

Wait. *What?*

I warned you, and him to sell our cow and he come back with *magic beans*.

Listen, our parents' stormtroopers are looking for a white van with our plates, right? But now, if the cops see our r de and run the license, it ll come back totally clean, no red flags or nothing.

Trust me, I read it in this true crime book. Works every time.

Speaking of *dim bulbs*, did Lucy In the Sky just drop a few watts?

Oh, you mean my glow?

Yeah, Talkback noticed that I lose some of my intensity at night.

I figure blondie here gets her alien powers from the *sun*, like a solar-powered calculator, but bigger... and worse with numbers.

Hey, who are you calling *bigger*, Mr. Hand?

Sexual tension.

Gross.

That reminds me, has anyone seen-

My staff!

My staff is... is *gone.*

That creepy magic wand of yours?

You probably just misp aced it, Nic-- er, *Sister Grimm.* Took me about an hour to find my *off-switch* bracelet this morning.

There must be a million rooms in this funhouse.

Alex, it feels like I have something in my eye, but instead of my eye, it's... it's my *soul* or my--

I don't want to scare you, Nico, but when your mom stabbed you with that thing, it sorta disappeared into your *chest,* right?

Is there any chance when you went to sleep, your body, you know... *reabsorbed* it, or--

Can you guys make out later, please?

I'm freaking *starving.*

Food can wait, Molly

We haven't even figured out our next move against The Pride, and now Nico has something *inside* of her

Well, at least *one* of us does. I'm with Bruiser. We haven't eaten in, like, twelve hours.

Maybe he's right, Alex I'm... I'm probably just hungry

Either way, what are we supposed to do? Call *Domino's?*

We can't use our credit cards or make ATM withdrawals without alerting the entire world to our whereabouts, and we only have nineteen bucks between us in cash.

Dude, your parents' fancy pants lifestyle has made you *soft.* Nineteen bucks is enough to buy six people a *feast* at the local Circle A.

Fine.

But if we're leaving the Hostel, we're going as a *group.* I don't want you coming back with any more magic beans.

Magic *what?*

Gert, stay here and keep an eye on Molly, will you?

Hey, why do I have to stay? I'm a *mutant,* 'member? I'm stronger than all you guys combined.

Don't worry, kid, if they forget to bring back Slim Jims for us, Old Lace here will teach them a lesson about the *food chain.*

RRRRRRR

Los Feliz, California
1:39 A.M.

I don't know, Alex.

These "disguises" make us look like those politically correct, multi ethnic gangs that only rob people in bad TV shows

Um, speaking of *robberies*...

Ah, crap.

Of all the convenience stores in all the towns in all the world...

What are we gonna *do?*

We are gonna get back in the van and jet before the cops show.

What?! But I thought you said we were supposed to ***help*** people! To make up for our parents' crimes and stuff?

Yeah, ***eventually!*** But we're not ready ***tonight!*** You don't even have your gloves with you, do you?

No, you said we had to be incog.. incogneat . ***whatever.***

...us, Karolina is operating at half-power now, and Nico lost her--

Anyone have a knife?

What?

My mom's staff. I just remembered, that's how it appeared last time... after I got *cut.*

Never leave home without it

Put that away! We're not going to--

BLAM

Alex?

Yeah, okay

Do it.

When blood is shed...

...let the *Staff of One* emerge!

Heh.

Sort a *tickled* that time...

What the--?!

Pay attention, Chase.

Here's the plan...

Bet you're sorry you didn't just hand over the green when you had the chance, huh, girlie?

That's impossible.

I... I shot you *point blank*. How could you

KERNSH!

Whoops!

Sorry about your window, I was just trying to *blind* the bad guys!

Everybody, put your hands up! You're... you're under *citizen's arrest!*

What is going on tonight?

It's Power Pack!

Kill 'em!

BLAM BLAM BLAM

Who the heck is Power Pack?

Magic! Magic!

I'm on it! I'm on it!

FREEZE.

Huh...?

AHHH!

My piece!

Pelicans?

Don't look at me.

That didn't happen *last* time

DAFT DINNER

Lucy in the Sky, get that cashier out of here!

Talkback, subdue the little guy!

Hey, look who's finally using codenames!

Way to be discreet, Alex!

You two, get down on the ground and

Back off, brat!

UHN!

ICE CREAM

ED COFFEE

ALEX!

BAG O' CHIPS

CHUNKY CHUNKY CHICKEN

PRETZELS

Let s b ow already!

But Topher--

Leave him!

Wait!

Yo!

Move, and I cut your stupid head off!

Ow.

Am I the only person n L.A. who doesn't have super-powers...?

Everyone st ll in one p ece?

I tr ed to stop the other two, but they took off at, like, the speed of light.

Yeah, these jerk-holes must be mutants, or *cyborgs*, or...

Wha...?

Wow.

That's what I was about to say.

Please! Don't hurt me!

I... I never wanted to be a part of this! My mom and dad threatened to *kill* me if I didn't help them! You have to believe me. My parents are *evil*.

Well then, welcome to the club.
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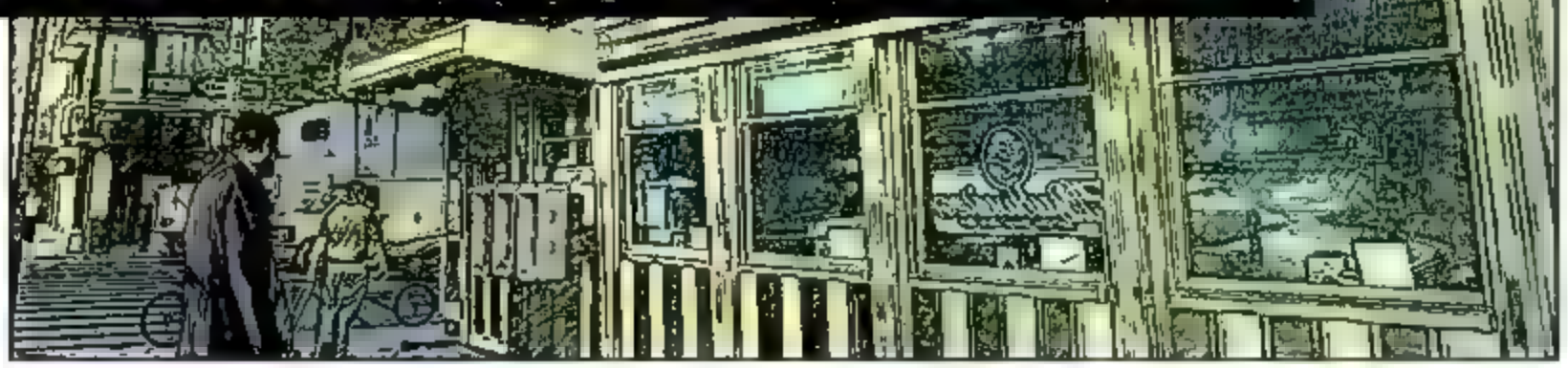
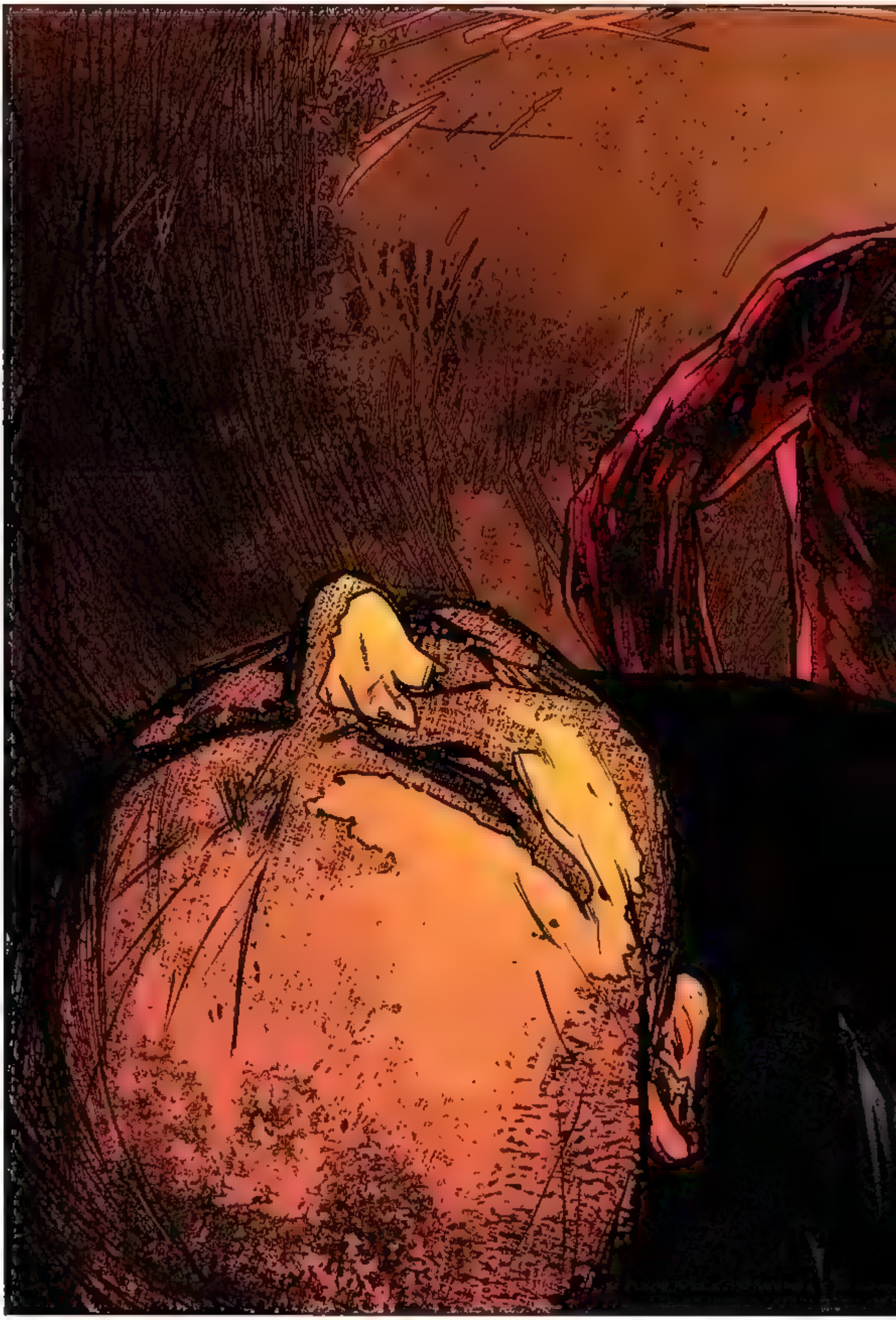


Ugh, I'm sorry
I hate that I introduce myself like that without thinking.
Somehow, in my head, my last name officially became: "Invest gative reporter for the Daily Bug e."
Hmm, it's weird. I feel nervous.
Guess I'm a little nervous talking to you
Can you tell?
I don't know you that we l.



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Human nature.

But *we* created Kingpins.

Know how Lansky got rich? Lansky invented 'Poorman's gambling.'

A lottery played with nickels and dimes. Why? Because that's all anyone could afford were nickels and dimes.

He knew this. Guy made millions... on nickels and dimes.

Nickels and dimes, then cheap whiskey, then it's pot, then it's crack. X.

Then before you know it, Fast Forward, and Wilson Fisk muscled all of it into one territory based right out of the oldest battleground in the country.

The Kitchen

Until Matt Murdock took it from him.

Can you imagine that this happened in our lifetime?

This is *a historic* event.

A major super hero-- an *A-list* super hero-- in *this* city-- pulls off his mask and declares the city his.

This is as big a story as this city will *ever* see.

But *find* someone who saw it.

I defy you to find *one* person who says they were there.

You *can't*.

Not one.

Every working reporter, in print, TV and radio, all five thousand of them, have tried

You cannot find a person who actually *saw* this.

So scared were the people in that bar...

They either left town that night, turned it all around, or killed themselves.

Matt Murdock *is* the new Kingpin and it is *officially* urban legend.

"What *isn't* urban legend is the six weeks that followed

"Six straight weeks of terror and violence against the underworld that the city has never seen before or since

"This wasn't some super hero bounce-around...

"See, like I said, ***most*** of the garbage ran out of the kitchen that night, that week. Some cleaned up.

"But there's always those damn idiots who think they're indestructible... or that the rules don't apply to ***them***.

"Or they're just too drunk or stoned to figure out it's over.

"So, all night, every night...

"For weeks...

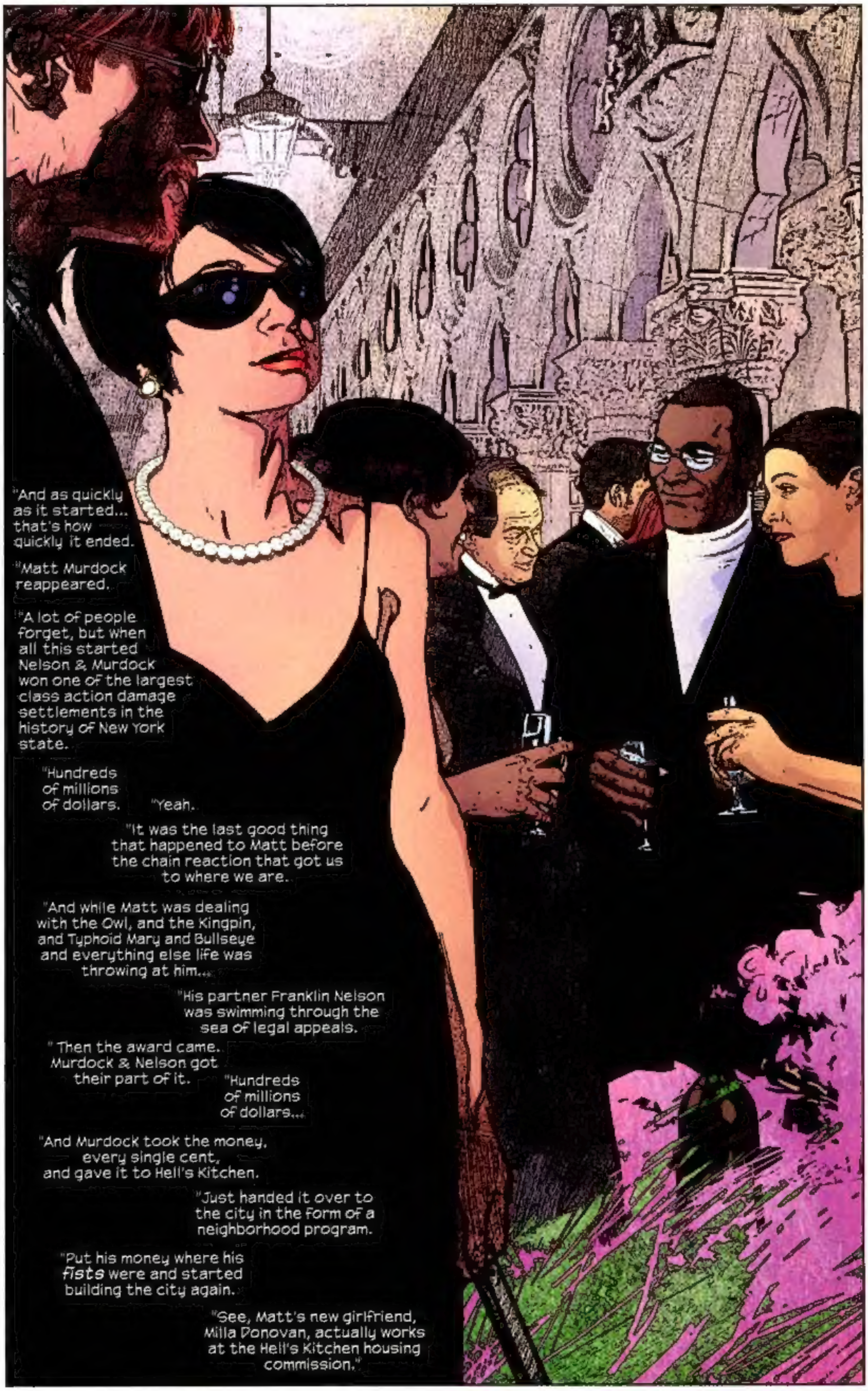
"A streak of unparalleled violence struck the shadows of the city.

" They say Matt Murdock disappeared for this.

"It was just Daredevil.

"He was everywhere. Fists flying, blood spattered.

"He cleaned every corner, every nook and cranny."


"And as quickly as it started... that's how quickly it ended.
"Matt Murdock reappeared.
"A lot of people forget, but when all this started Nelson & Murdock won one of the largest class action damage settlements in the history of New York state.
"Hundreds of millions of dollars.
"Yeah.
"It was the last good thing that happened to Matt before the chain reaction that got us to where we are.
"And while Matt was dealing with the Owl, and the Kingpin, and Typhoid Mary and Bullseye and everything else life was throwing at him...
"His partner Franklin Nelson was swimming through the sea of legal appeals.
" Then the award came. Murdock & Nelson got their part of it.
"Hundreds of millions of dollars...
"And Murdock took the money, every single cent, and gave it to Hell's Kitchen.
"Just handed it over to the city in the form of a neighborhood program.
"Put his money where his *fists* were and started building the city again.
"See, Matt's new girlfriend, Milla Donovan, actually works at the Hell's Kitchen housing commission."

"She knew exactly where the money should go...
"And who needed it most...
"And which buildings could be saved.
"And the rest of it went into a new library.
"The Mayor jumped in on it. Matching funds and urging businesses to return.
"And with crime down and people in better living conditions...
"People could walk down the street.
"People could look each other in the eye."
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"And *that's* how he saved the city."

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